

REMARKS

Claims 14-17 and 21-26 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Lake in view of Zhang and Tanaka. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As explained in the amendments/request for reconsideration(s) previously filed, it is clear that the claimed invention detaches the auxiliary carrier from the base layer such that the auxiliary carrier is no longer in contact with the base layer, but otherwise remains unchanged/intact/preserved. In the prior art cited by the Examiner, the auxiliary layer is destroyed such that it can not be used. One of the primary advantages of the claimed invention is that the auxiliary carrier may be used (i.e. re-used) multiple times (see, for example, page 2 of the original English translation). Claim 14, as amended, clearly requires re-use of the auxiliary carrier.

Claims 18-20 are indicated as being allowable by the Examiner.

Entry of this amendment after-final is appropriate since no new issues are being presented before the Examiner. That is, Applicant's have continually argued that the claimed invention detaches the auxiliary layer, without destruction thereof (i.e. allows re-use).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122018000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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